Development Project of Technology Mission on Oilseeds, Pulses and Maize, as well as production and supply of vegetable seed under horticulture programme.

Release of Matching Share for Tripura

*389. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have not released matching share for Tripura under Fish Farmers Development Agency Scheme even though the financial year has since closed; and

(b) if so, by when it will be released?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Setting up of Liaison Office of GAIL in Bangalore

*390. SHRI K.C.KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested for setting up of a Liaison Office of Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) in Bangalore.

(b) if so, whether the State Government has agreed to provide all infrastructural facilities; and

(c) the action, if any, taken by Government on the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Branch Office of Gas Authority of India Ltd. is already functioning in Bangalore since December 1996.

Construction of Building of Central Agricultural University at Imphal

*391. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the CentralAgricultural University, Imphal, does not have its own Headquarter building even now;

(b) if so, the progress of construction of its Headquarter building; and

(c) the present position of construction of buildings of each faculty of the University proposed to be opened in North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At the headquarter, the construction work is in progress for the girls and boys hostels, one Departmental Block, Selected staff residences and one Administrative Block.

The construction of main Headquarter, building could not be started mainly because the requisite suitable land has not been transferred by the Manipur Govt. to CAU.

(c) Out of seven college buildings, those of the Colleges of Agriculture, Fisheries, Veterinary are under construction. Their progress is as under:—

(i) College of Agricultrue, Imphal

— Girls' Hostel completed and occupied.

— Boy's Hostel under construction and likely to be completed in March, 2001.

— Administrative block, in which library is located, likely to be completed by 30th August, 2000.

(ii) College of Fisheries at Agartala, the boys' and girls' hostel and the residentrial quarters are expected to be completed in December, 2000.

(iii) The Veterinary College at Mizoram is expected to be completed in March, 2001.

Other college building construction has not been started due to non-transfer of land by the State Government concerned.

Improvement of India's Relations with USA After Clinton's visit

*392. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY :

SHRI C.P THIRUNAVUKKARASU :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether President Bill Clinton's visit to India in March, 2000, contributed to better ties between India and the USA;